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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Cold weather continued in Nebraska for the second consecutive week. Temperatures averaged from five to eight degrees below normal. Freezing temperatures were reported again in the northwestern half of the State, and frost was observed at many southeastern sites. Warm weather returned on Sunday with temperatures in the upper 70's and 80's. Precipitation during the week fell as light rain in the southeast, but further north and west the amounts were larger with many places receiving over an inch of moisture. Chadron had over two inches. Some of the moisture fell as snow in the west ranging from two to three inches in the Arthur-Mullen area up to four inches at Harrison.

CROPS Frost and freezing temperatures covered much of the northern half of the State and in spotted locations elsewhere. Row crop harvesting is getting under way in the eastern area, but periods of light precipitation combined with high moisture grain have slowed field operations. Corn, sorghum and soybeans have dried down to safe storage levels in a few fields, but much of the grain being harvested is still being artificially dried.

Corn has reached maturity on 90 percent of the acreage. Farmers are continuing to harvest corn for silage in some areas.

The grain sorghum crop is 70 percent ripe. A few fields remain quite green and will be rushed to mature before frost. About 90 percent of the soybean acreage is shedding leaves with 50 percent of the crop matured.

Top soil moisture conditions are adequate in the Panhandle and southwest but tapers off to the east with very dry conditions in far eastern areas. Winter wheat seeding is 75 percent complete with delays in the eastern areas because of dry top soils. The early seeded acreage is up to good stands where there is adequate moisture.

Rains in western areas have slowed dry bean and potato harvesting. Some alfalfa hay was being harvested during the past week, but most of the fourth crop is short.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions were generally good. There is increasing movement of feeder cattle.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 9/26/71

East	Central		West			
Grand Island .69	Burwell	1.26	Chadron P '''	2.10		
Lincoln .37	North Platte	1.30	Imperial	1.03		
Norfolk76	Valentine	•26	Scottsbluff (A)	36		
Omaha .70			Sidney	.60		
Sioux City 17						

Precipitation, April 1 - September 24, 1971

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	sw	sc	SE
Total past week	.81	.94	.69	.94	.30	1.26	.44	. 26
Total since April 1	13.80	15.83	16.16	15.84	15.25	17.54	16.38	15.48
Normal since April 1	12.44	15.12	17.99	16.49	19.41	14.21	16.68	21.30

